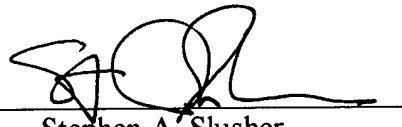


Remarks

Claims 1 to 7 have been cancelled in order to overcome a rejection based on 28 U.S.C. § 101, double patenting, in co-pending Application Serial No. 09/606,501. Entry of the Amendment is earnestly solicited.

Should any matters require resolution prior to entry of this Second Preliminary Amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephonically contact the undersigned attorney.

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